



THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) Meeting
Kennedy Park Field House, 11320 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:30-7:30 PM (IN PERSON)

THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION

- To advise and work collaboratively with our community and the Chicago Park District on park improvements, safety, and enjoyment of our beautiful park.
- To seek alternative funding sources for park enhancements.
- To promote community awareness and increased utilization of The Prairie Park.
- Sponsor various initiatives, such as park clean-ups, dog waste bag stations, recreational activities, and celebrations, to foster community spirit and engagement.

AGENDA

I. WELCOME:	L. Linnerud	Call Meeting to Order. We follow Robert’s Rules of Order.
II. NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS:	J. Ross	Welcome New Members and/or Guests present.
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	J. Ross	PAC Meeting Minutes from 01/13/2026
IV. MOTION(S):	J. Ross	Motion: The Prairie Park Advisory Council member Katrina Dillard, pending completion of Adult Volunteer application and fingerprinting, be appointed to serve as Interim Treasurer during Treasurer Milton Chandler’s medical absence, with full authority of the office, until Treasurer Chandler returns to duty or until the next regular election, whichever comes first.
V. TREASURER’S REPORT:	M. Chandler	Treasurer’s Report & Bank Statements (Jan., Feb. 2026).
VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:	L. Linnerud J. Altenbach	<u>Park Investment Committee</u> : Committee report. <u>Park Events Planning Committee</u> : Committee report
VII. PARK SUPERVISOR:	R. Medrano	(1) <u>Requests</u> : In-Process and/or Approved requests for park use. (2) <u>Calendar</u> : Schedule of park events. 3) <u>Other</u>
VIII. OLD BUSINESS:	L. Linnerud	(1) PAC Secretary Vacancy (2) COMPLETED : 2025 CPkD Annual Report due 3/1/26. All PACs in good standing are required to submit an Annual Report. Only PACs in good standing will have their Activity Request forms approved to waive permit and rental fees (3) COMPLETED : PAC Special Event Liability Insurance Planning Survey due 2/1/26. Required for PACs to be covered under the Chicago Park District’s liability insurance. (4) Posting Board: AARP Community Challenge Grant
IX. NEW BUSINESS:	L. Linnerud, J. Ross R. Murphy	(1) Website Updates: ThePrairiePark.org (2) Soccer cages/nets in Park. (3) Parking during Soccer, etc. games & tournaments – request Park Supervisor give our notice to Coaches to distribute to Teams for attendees. (4) Fourth of July Fireworks: a) Can the Park District enforce the no-fireworks policy on the 4th of July? b) CAPS Meetings – ask for CPD support. c) PAC request for Park District crews assigned to clean-up after 4 th of July. (5) Blackwelder Park
X. PAST EVENTS:	J. Ross	(1) 01/17/26 Annual PAC Conference at Malcolm X College (2) 01/22/26 CPF Virtual PAC Zoom Office Hours 4:30 - 6PM (3) 02/3/26 Chicago Park District’s Citywide Participatory Budgeting Process (4) 02/24/26 CPF Virtual PAC Zoom Office Hours 4:30 - 6PM (5) 02/27/26 PAC Lunch Hour 11:00am- 12:30pm (6) 03/05/26 Game Night at Kennedy Park fieldhouse 5:30pm – 7:30pm CANCELLED

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS:	J. Ross	<p>(1) Chicago Park District (CPkD) is launching a Citywide Participatory Budget (PB) process https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/participatory-budgeting#2272436614-1818807644-1 Submission Deadline: March 31, 2026</p> <p>(2) Chicago Park District Earth Day. The citywide Earth Day Parks Clean Up is Saturday, April 18. JoAnn Altenbach is our Earth Day Captain. Volunteer registration opens March 15 2026 – watch for on PAC website and Facebook.</p> <p>(3) 03/19/26 CPF Virtual PAC Zoom Office Hours 4:30 - 6PM Zoom link to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81769582160 Meeting ID: 810 0541 7454</p> <p>(4) 05/15/26 PAC School. Details TBD.</p>
XII. NEXT PAC MEETING:	J. Ross	Tues. 5/12/26 (6:30-7:30 pm): In person at Kennedy Park Fieldhouse.
XIII. PAC Meetings for 2026:		Tues., 6:30-7:30 pm: In person at Kennedy Park Fieldhouse. Odd Numbered Months 1/13/26, 3/10/26, 5/12/26, 7/14/26, 9/8/26, 11/10/26

The Prairie Park Advisory Council



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Email: theprairiepark@gmail.com

Donation: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_449e566ddea2eb296fd92599ba3e6744

Facebook: THE PRAIRIE PARK Advisory Council (PAC)

Please consider donating:

1) CASH at PAC meeting, 2) CHECK made payable to “THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL”; or 3) ONLINE via SwipeSimple (no processing fees & no credit card info. is stored) Thank you!

2025-2026 THE PRAIRIE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD

Lorraine Linnerud, President Jil Ross, Vice-President Milton Chandler, Treasurer